



RCE/1746#

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/298,160
Filing Date	April 22, 1999
First Named Inventor	Dan G. Custer et al.
Group Art Unit	1746
Examiner Name	A. Olsen
Attorney Docket Number	MI22-1172

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 23-0925
- i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 710.00 enclosed Check No. 129982
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Signature		Date	March 13, 2001

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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Complete if Known

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Deposit Account Name: Wells, St. John

- ☒ Charge Any Additional Fee Required Under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17
☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

2. ☒ Payment Enclosed: (Check No. 129982)

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
101	201	710	355			Utility filing fee	
106	206	320	160			Design filing fee	
107	207	490	245			Plant filing fee	
108	208	710	355			Reissue filing fee	
114	214	150	75			Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

Total Claims: -20** = X =
Independent Claims: -3** = X =
Multiple Dependent: =

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
103	203	18	9			Claims in excess of 20
102	202	80	40			Independent claims in excess of 3
104	204	270	135			Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109	209	80	40			** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110	210	18	9			** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$) -0-

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity	Small Entity	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
105	205	130	65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	227	50	25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	139	130	130			Non-English specification	
147	147	2,520	2,520			For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	112	920*	920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	113	1,840*	1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	115	215	55			Extension for reply within first month	
116	116	390	195			Extension for reply within second month	
117	117	890	445			Extension for reply within third month	
118	118	1,390	695			Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	128	1,890	945			Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	119	310	155			Notice of Appeal	
120	120	310	155			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	121	270	135			Request for oral hearing	
138	138	1,510	1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	140	110	55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	141	1,240	620			Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	142	1,240	620			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	143	440	220			Design issue fee	
144	144	600	300			Plant issue fee	
122	122	130	130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	123	50	50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	126	180	180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	581	40	40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	146	710	355			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	149	710	355			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	179	710	355			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	710
169	169	900	900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify) _____

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

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